Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Guide
The University of Sydney was founded in 1850 on the land of the Gadigal people.

Today, our campuses and facilities stretch across the ancestral lands of many of Australia’s First Peoples.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff include senior leaders across the community who are helping to shape the University’s future.

Our graduates have distinguished themselves in all sectors of Australian society and throughout the world, and include many prominent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and achievers.

Discover our range of programs dedicated to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who dream of studying here, and start your journey to Sydney.
Preparing for University
Experience uni first-hand while in high school

We offer a range of on-campus programs so you can experience university, meet current students, receive exam support and prepare for life after school.

**Gadalung Summer Program (Years 10, 11, 12)**
Spend a week on campus to find out what university is really like. You will have the opportunity to explore courses and careers, make new friends, participate in a full program of academic and extra-curricular events, and access world-class facilities.

There is no cost for participating. All program related expenses – including travel, meals and accommodation – are covered by the University of Sydney.

**Ngara Future Friday Program (Years 10, 11, 12)**
Through the Ngara (Listen, Hear, Think) Program, students from NSW metropolitan schools are invited to unique on-campus events throughout the year, including discipline-specific and personal development workshops. You will build your confidence, receive exam support and gain access to useful tools and resources for your studies and future plans.

**Tahgara Winter Program (Year 12)**
We know Year 12 can be a stressful time, so we offer tailored, individual support and academic preparation in the lead up to HSC exams. Delivered over a week-long intensive, you will have access to HSC exam preparation workshops, one-to-one tutoring, and faculty and support staff to assist you on your journey to university.

We’ll also guide you through scholarship applications, university pathways and everything you need to know as you get ready to take your next steps. There is no cost for participating. All program related expenses are covered by the University of Sydney.

“The Tahgara Winter Program allowed me to experience University life, explore my study field of law and make life-long friends.”

**Mia Walsh**
proud Kuku Yalanji woman
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws
Entry to University
Your path to Sydney

When you’re ready to apply for university, we look at more than your ATAR by focusing on your interests, motivation and goals.

**Gadigal Program**
Through our Gadigal Program admissions pathway, specifically designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, you will have:

- the opportunity to apply for a Gadigal early conditional offer
- lower minimum ATAR requirements
- access to participate in an academic skills program before commencing University
- ongoing academic and personal support throughout your degree.

Our dedicated support staff is also available to assist you throughout the admission process.

E: indigenous.recruitment@sydney.edu.au
- gadigal.sydney.edu.au

“My advice to students is to go to events and talk to a variety of faculty members, and to apply for extracurricular programs held at the University such as the summer camp and experience days.”

Thomas Harrington
proud Bundjalung man
Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine
Support at University
Make the most of uni life

As a student, you’ll receive continuous support throughout your degree – from scholarships, student and social initiatives, to career support – so you can achieve your potential and graduate job-ready.

Scholarships
We offer a wide range of scholarships. Search from hundreds of offerings for Indigenous students:
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships-search

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship
Valued at $10,000, the scholarship supports academically gifted Australian Indigenous students, who have obtained an ATAR in the HSC (or equivalent) of 85.0 or above, to start their studies at University of Sydney.

Accommodation
University is also a great way to meet people, build friendships and develop networks that will stay with you for life. By living on campus, you’ll join a supportive community, and be immersed in the full university experience from day one.

There are plenty of accommodation options to choose from, including:
- University owned (independent living, self-catered)
- University colleges (fully inclusive of meals and programs)
- Off campus accommodation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Accommodation Award
This scholarship subsidises rent during your first year at available University owned student accommodation. It is open to school leavers who are commencing full-time undergraduate study at Sydney.
- sydney.edu.au/accommodation

For further support, the Australian Government provides an ABSTUDY Living Allowance – a fortnightly payment to help eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians with living costs while studying or training. Find out more at:
- servicesaustralia.gov.au

Student Support Services
Our dedicated support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students ensure you’ll have plenty of help while you study. We provide pastoral care, advocacy support and mentors, as well as culturally safe study spaces, academic workshops and ongoing private and group tuition.

You’ll also have access to the broader range of student support services such as careers support, disability services, financial support and academic support and enrichment programs.
- sydney.edu.au/indigenous-support
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Application support
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We acknowledge the tradition of custodianship and law of the Country on which the University of Sydney campuses stand. We pay our respects to those who have cared and continue to care for Country.